

FREMONT BOARD OF SELECTMEN**29 MAY 2008****APPROVED 06/05/2008**

At 6:00 pm Chairman Cordes called the meeting to order. Present were Selectmen Gene Cordes, Donald Gates Jr, and Brett Hunter; and Town Administrator Heidi Carlson.

Selectmen reviewed the agenda.

At 6:05 pm motion was made by Gates to enter non-public session pursuant to NH RSA 91-A: 3 II (c) to discuss a personnel matter. Hunter seconded and the vote was unanimously approved.

At 6:39 pm the motion was made by Hunter to return to public session. Gates seconded and the vote was unanimously approved. The Board reiterated their desire to meet with Guerwood Holmes next week.

At 6:40 pm Richard Butler came into the Board's meeting. He said he had not been in for a few weeks and only wanted to report that as a result of a brush fire on Monday 5/26, the landowner will be billed as well as charged by the Police Department for kindling a fire without a permit. Butler explained that the owner's agent had called for a permit on Sunday evening 5/25 and had been denied due to the high fire danger. The agent had then kindled a fire anyway, on Monday 5/26, causing several hours of work for approximately 20 firefighters from Fremont and Epping. Hunter estimated some 6,000 gallons of water had been used, and Butler said approximately $\frac{3}{4}$ of an acre burned.

There was discussion about sending a letter to Kevin Wainright at Pawtuckaway Tower, who spotted and called in the fire, and was amazingly close in his pinpointing of the area. Butler will ask Ranger Neil Bilodeau who would be the proper Supervisor to send a letter to, in thanking Wainright for his service.

Butler left the meeting at 6:54 pm.

OLD BUSINESS

1. Selectmen reviewed the minutes for 22 May 2008. Motion was made by Gates and seconded by Hunter to approve them as written. The vote was unanimously approved. Motion was then made by Hunter to approve the minutes of the non-public sessions. Gates seconded and the vote was unanimously approved.

At 7:00 pm there were no other Department Heads present.

2. Scribner Road Dam - There was discussion to follow-up the last meeting held with landowners and Grace Levergood. The Town had committed to asking one of the towns consulting engineers come down to look at it and offer some engineering suggestions. While this is not Town property, or the town's responsibility, the Town has an inherent interest in the dam's capacity because it continues to flood out and damage Scribner Road.

The dam is still open, which is in the interest of public safety according to Levergood. Levergood was interested in the follow-up engineering meeting, but it was made clear again, that this project is privately owned, although the Town has an inherent interest in the water level due to the repeated damaged caused to Scribner Road during floods.

3. Selectmen reviewed a new revision to the Waste Management cart conversion newsletter. This will be printed in the July newsletter. Carlson shared with the Board questions and concerns expressed to date, including getting the cart down steep driveways within Witham's Park.

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At 7:25 pm a motion was made by Hunter and seconded by Gates to take a 10 minute recess. The vote was approved.

At 7:35 pm Cordes called the meeting back to order.

Renee King came into the meeting at 7:40 pm to discuss with the Board a summer outdoor movie night in August. It would be a "B" type movie that would be a family style event. It would happen at 8:30 or 9:00 pm, just about dusk. The Parks & Recreation Department would fund it and admission would be free.

There was discussion about what would happen if it rained that night, King did not know and will check with the presenter.

It was thought that the fields would be OK so long as everyone was "kind" to the grass, and so long as there had not been substantial rain just prior to the scheduled event, which is tentatively Saturday August 2, 2008.

King will look into some additional items and get back to the Board. They asked to be kept advised as to the planning.

King left the meeting at 7:55 pm.

OLD BUSINESS CONTINUED

4. Selectmen reviewed the worksheet on the pending Barn Discretionary Easement. The public hearing has been continued to Thursday June 5, 2008.

The Board again reviewed and discussed the questionnaire and adjusted Item #3 to 45-55% based on their findings. The tally needs to be done, and the Assessor also needs to view the site.

NEW BUSINESS

1. Selectmen reviewed the payroll \$20,665.04 and accounts payable manifest \$31,522.97 dated May 30, 2008. Motion was made by Gates and seconded by Hunter to approve the payroll manifest. The vote was unanimously approved. Gates then moved to approve the accounts payable manifest. Hunter seconded and the vote was unanimously approved.

At 8:05 pm, in reviewing the manifest, Selectmen had a question regarding a welfare disbursement. Cordes made a motion to enter non public session pursuant to NH RSA 91-A: 3 II (c). Gates seconded and the vote was unanimously approved.

At 8:10 pm motion was made by Gates to return to public session. Hunter seconded and the vote was unanimously approved. No decisions were made.

2. Selectmen discussed the EMD posting. The position will include updates to Fremont's All Hazard Mitigation Plan, which Carlson has submitted to be placed on a list for soft-match funding for update this fall. There is also a NIMSCAST questionnaire that needs to be completed, and someone (typically the EMD) would coordinate this effort.

3. Selectmen Gates and Cordes signed outgoing correspondence to Kenn Jones regarding his interest in the BOS vacancy.

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4. Selectmen reviewed the folder of incoming correspondence.
5. The ZBA has recommended Jack Downing and Aaron Epstein for appointments on the Board to fill the vacancies created by resignations of Richard Butler (2009) and Brett Hunter (2010). Both will be asked to come in next week. Selectmen were in favor of both appointments to get the Zoning Board back to full membership.
6. Selectmen signed some of the Memorial Day thank you letters including those to: Darrell Turner, Sarah Croteau, Dick Rand, Josh Cooley, Leon Holmes Sr, Guerwood Holmes, Deb Maslowski, Fremont Garden Club, Bertram Seaver, Sgt Grant Mason, Dunlap Highland Band, Kerry & Tammy Pratt, Lillian Pratt, Pastor John Loker, Glen Easson, Nick Ferro, Boy Scouts, Dennis Hartwell, Ellis School, Police Department, Parks & Recreation Commission. Letters are still to be done for Roger Anderson, Doug Cowie, Eleanor Gates, Brownies/Girl Scouts, Caitlin Royer, Beth Goodliffe, Makayla Butler, and the Fire Rescue Department.
7. Selectmen signed a lien release for parcel 03-042.001 in consideration of \$55,000 to be paid by bank check prior to release.
8. Selectmen read through a Client Fee Agreement with Peter Epstein for review of the Cable Contract and legal assistance related thereto. The Board decided to sign the agreement, capping the legal expense at \$3,000 without further discussing any additional work/time with the Board of Selectmen.

Gates moved to approve the Client Fee Agreement with Peter Epstein, capping the work at \$3,000 unless the Attorney seeks further authorization from the Board. Hunter seconded and the vote was unanimously approved.
9. Carlson advised the Board that Jeane Samms from DRA has agreed to come down for a work session on timing and other preparation for SB2 sessions in 2009. This is yet to be confirmed, but will hopefully be in June.
10. Carlson advised the Board that she (and others who were available) had been invited to a training workshop in Danville with NH LGC at 10:00 am on Wednesday June 4, 2008 related to workplace issues. Carlson had indicated she would try and attend and perhaps ask others as well. The Board asked if Jeanne could cover the office until 1:00 pm, and Carlson said she would check.

NEXT WEEK

The next regular Board meeting will be held on Thursday June 5, 2008 at 6:00 pm. The Fee Schedule Public Hearing will take place, as will the continuation of the Barn Discretionary Easement Public Hearing.

With no further business to come before the Board, motion was made by Hunter and seconded by Gates to adjourn the meeting at 9:20 pm. The vote was unanimously approved.

Respectfully submitted,

Heidi Carlson
Town Administrator